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FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that a Federal Grand Jury in Columbia, South Carolina, returned Indictment(s) against the following:

Orangeburg Man Indicted for Distributing Counterfeit Shoes-- MOUSSA TOGOLA, age 37, was charged in a one count Indictment with trafficking in counterfeit goods in connection with a scheme to distribute over three hundred pair of counterfeit Nike shoes, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2320. The maximum penalty TOGOLA could receive is imprisonment of ten years and a fine of up to \$2,000,000. The case was investigated by agents of Homeland Security. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney T. DeWayne Pearson of the Columbia office.

Georgia Men Indicted for Distributing Counterfeit Goods ---- MOHAMED DOUCOURE, age 48, IBRAHIMA SAMASSA, age 38, STEVEN MCDUFFIE, age 49, and SIKINA SOUMANO, age 40, were charged in a two count Indictment with trafficking in counterfeit goods and conspiracy in connection with a scheme to distribute counterfeit purses, clothing, accessories, footwear and hats, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371 and 2320. The maximum penalty the men could receive is imprisonment of ten years and a fine of up to \$2,000,000. The case was investigated by agents of the Lexington County Multi-Agency Narcotics Enforcement Team and the South Carolina Secretary of State's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney T. DeWayne Pearson of the Columbia office.

The United States Attorney stated that all charges in these Indictments are merely accusations and that the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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